

NSDA Florida Sunshine District
2021-22 District Congressional Debate Tournament
Saturday, January 22, 2022
Strawberry Crest High School, Tampa, FL

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Dear NSDA Member Schools, Coaches, and Students:

The Florida Sunshine District is pleased to invite you to our first national qualifying event of the 2018-2019 season, to be held January 22, 2022, at Strawberry Crest High School in Dover. NSDA student members will have their first chance at qualifying for the 2022 National Tournament in Louisville, KY. **Please review this invitation CAREFULLY as it will provide you with deadlines, registration requirements, format changes, and most importantly, how you determine the number of entries your team is eligible to enter.**

Entry and Registration

We will be using Tabroom for both registration and tournament tabulation. **REGISTRATION OPENS ON 12/22/21 AT 8:00 A.M. AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 1/15/22 AT 8:00 P.M.**

Each school is responsible for providing at least one piece of legislation. This legislation must be uploaded to Tabroom by 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 30.

There are critical dates to be aware of when it comes to the submission of legislation and the final date for entry of merit points for purposes of determining the number of entries. **PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THESE DATES AND TIMES as deadlines set on Tabroom are enforced automatically and cannot be waived or extended.**

REMEMBER: You can add merit points, members, and degrees up until SEVEN DAYS before the tournament date. That means that you have until January 15 to join and then record as many points, members, and degrees as you can. Each addition moves you closer to more entries at the NSDA District Tournaments. You can check your points, members, and degrees at speechanddebate.org.

Entry limits

Every participating school is entitled to send two (2) entries in the Senate, regardless of chapter strength. (**NOTE:** We must have eight (8) participating schools to have a Senate.) The number of

House entries schools may submit is determined based upon members and degrees on record a week prior to the tournament. Schools with no qualifying seats are not listed below.

Members & Degrees (Strength)	Entries in Senate	Entries in House
1-20	2	2
21-35	2	3
35-55	2	4
56-75	2	5
76-100	2	6
101-150	2	7
151-200	2	8
201-250	2	9
251-300	2	10
301-350	2	11
351-400	2	12
≥ 401	2	13

Current list of Qualifying House Seats (per NSDA):

School	House Seats	Senate Seats
Academy of the Holy Names	3	2
Baker School	2	2
Berkeley Prep	3	2
Canterbury School	2	2
Carrollwood Day School	3	2
Gulf Breeze	2	2
Hillsborough	2	2
Jesuit	3	2
King	5	2
Middleton	2	2
Newsome	4	2
Niceville	3	2
Osceola	2	2
Palm Harbor	3	2
PineView	6	2
Sarasota	4	2
Sickles	3	2
South Walton	2	2
Southeast	5	2
St. Pete	2	2
Strawberry Crest	5	2
Wharton	3	2

Distribution of Entries

Schools are allowed to enter two, one, or no competitors in the Senate. These seats are EXCLUSIVE to the Senate; You **may not** seat one Senator and then use the other Senate slot for a House entry. When seating students in the Houses, coaches must equally divide the competitors between the Houses.

Please specify how students in the House are to be split into **two (2) chambers**. The District Committee will then randomly assign the coaches' preferred groupings to the number of chambers required in order to guarantee equal distribution.

Judge Requirements

The District Committee requests that schools supply one (1) **TRAINED** Congress judge for every **five (5)** entries. We cannot run the tournament without judges. Judges' names should be provided with your registration. **If you are a coach, PLEASE DO NOT COUNT YOURSELF AS A JUDGE. We use coaches as Parliamentarians, tab Staff, and for other official functions as part of the tournament.**

Legislation

Participating schools are expected to submit **at least two (2)** pieces of legislation for the qualifying chambers and should offer more legislation if they have entries in the non-qualifying chambers. **The legislation deadline is December 30 at 8:00 p.m.** Please designate each item as intended for the Senate or the House.

All legislation must be submitted in NSDA format (available at speechanddebate.org; the current FGCCFL templates are also acceptable) and be the original work of participating students. **Legislation that is incorrectly formatted or unsuitable for district-level debate WILL NOT be considered.**

All legislation should be uploaded to Tabroom.

COACHES ONLY may email items to Josh Schneider for advance review at <josh@fgccfl.net>.

Please include [NSDA] in the subject line and allow 48 hours for a response.

Tournament Schedule

This tournament will operate under the District Congressional Debate rules in the current *NSDA Unified Manual*, which requires a minimum of ten minutes per participant per session. Session time includes floor debate, voting, preliminary business, and special orders but **does not** include recesses. Our schedule allows chambers to take a brief recess in each session.

Because we are running concurrently with an FGCCFL tournament, we will be running on the same schedule, though there may be some variation based on the number of Congress participants listed above.

Awards and Qualification

Each qualifying chamber will be judged by a Parliamentarian (for the full tournament) and two Scorers for each session. Each will award points and, at the end of their tenure, provide the Tab Room with their list of the top 8 legislators. These lists will then be mathematically calculated to produce a ranked list of qualifiers and alternates. The top two entries in the Senate and the top two entries in the House become NSDA national qualifiers. If there are 30 or more entries in a division (Senate or House), a Final Session will be held to select the qualifiers (two in Senate, four in House). **We will not be using student preferential voting.**

Fees and Costs

There is a **\$25 Florida Sunshine District fee** that must be paid by each school when they first attend an NSDA tournament. Student entry fees are **\$20 per student including host/lunch fee.**

Judge lunches cost \$10 each (there will be ONE complimentary meal per school for the coach). Please make sure you order appropriately if you have vegetarian needs.

All entry and lunch fees should be combined in a SINGLE CHECK, made payable to FGCCFL. PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE FEES ARE PAID SEPARATELY, AND IN A SEPARATE CHECK, FROM THE FEES FOR ALL OTHER EVENTS. We are running TWO SEPARATE TOURNAMENTS, and fees must be logged separately.

Critical Dates

- **December 30** – Legislation due to Josh Schneider; docket to be published ASAP
- **January 15** – Lunch order due to host school; last day to add members & degrees
- **January 15**– Last day to register on Tabroom; calendars to be published ASAP
- **January 22** – **Tournament Day**; all fees and signed paperwork due at registration